Welcome. With much news and notice of exciting forthcoming events, we have brought forward the production of this newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading it – and would welcome suggestions for things you would like to see in future editions.

Back to the 1940s and 50s on 9 May 2009

OW Paul Ramage (WS 1948–1959) warmly invites all Old Warwickians who were at school during the 1940s and 1950s to a reunion at Warwick School on Saturday 9 May 2009.

The reunion will give OWs a wonderful opportunity to meet up with old friends and classmates, hear about Warwick School today and enjoy relaxing with friends and teachers from school days.

The day will include a coffee reception in the Pyne Room (formerly Big School), Chapel Service conducted by the Rev Andrew Gough, 1940s and 50s school film show in the new Cheshire Science Centre, drinks reception and lunch in the Pyne Room, guided tours of the school by senior boys and the opportunity to watch school cricket and tennis matches.

The day closes with tea in the Pyne Room and the opportunity to buy Old Warwickian and school merchandise.

Wives and partners are very welcome. Cost: £14 per person. For those who would like to meet up again in the evening, an Old Warwickians 1940s and 50s dinner is offered at Alderson House, Warwick.

Further information and a booking form for the event will be included in the next edition of this newsletter. If you have any queries or would like further information please contact Anne Douglas at Warwick School (E-mail: ad@warwickschool.org).

From 1928 to 2008

We welcome a new group of OWs who have just left school and wish them well as they venture forth to travel, study and work. We celebrate too, the recent visit of our oldest living Warwickian, Leslie Harold Brown, (WS 1922–1928).

Gervald Frykman shows Leslie Brown his entry in the 1922 Admissions Register.

News from Alumni Relations

As we develop our services and events for OWs, one of our key priorities is to improve our communications and give you all easy access to news from the school and your fellow OWs. We hope you enjoy reading these newsletters.

Another useful way of keeping in touch is through the Old Warwickians website, www.warwickschool.org/old-warwickians. The site is being developed to give lots more information on news and events. We also hope to include such things as a gallery of archive school images from every decade for you to browse. WebAlumnus, an online database of Old Warwickians, is a useful tool for you to access the OW network. Here, once you register and are given a username and password, you can log on to a secure database exclusively for OWs, build your own profile and search for OWs from different eras and professions. The database currently holds information on 1,178 OWs. As the database grows, the more useful it will be.

To help us improve and maintain our information on OWs we’ve recruited Alison Lima as our new Alumni Database and Administration Assistant (a joint appointment with King’s High). Please let Alison know if your contact details change (E-mail: al@warwickschool.org).

Events
The latest news on recent and forthcoming OW events.

House of Commons
Book your place at the London OW Reception.

OW Golf and Cricket
Catch up on the latest news.

School News
The Cheshire Science Centre is officially opened.

En Route to Le Mans
100 signed limited edition prints go on sale.

The Queen Mother at Warwick School in 1958.

Warwick School 1960s Reunion.

www.warwickschool.org/old-warwickians
LONDON OW RECEPTION AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

We are delighted to announce that John Maples MP will act as host at an Old Warwickians drinks and canapés reception in the House of Commons on Thursday 6 November 2008, from 19.00 to 21.30.

Dining Room A in the House of Commons will provide the perfect setting for an evening of chatting and networking. Harry Greenway (WS 1946-1953) and MP for Ealing North 1979-1997 says, “I am delighted that the reunion at the House of Commons is going ahead. I look forward to it and know that the same goes for John Maples MP. I am sure we shall enjoy an excellent and special occasion”.

As numbers are limited (maximum 80), and admittance to the House of Commons is strictly by invitation only, all guests attending must be in possession of an official ‘invitation’. As places are limited, bookings will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. To book your free place, simply complete and return the booking form on the back page of this newsletter (page 8) by Friday 3 October 2008. An invitation card, which must be presented to the House of Commons security on the night, will be sent out with confirmation of your booking.

Dress: Lounge suit.

OWA SUMMER DINNER

This year’s splendid dinner, held on 5 July in St Mary’s Guildhall, Coventry, was attended by over 80 OWA members and guests.

The evening started with a private tour of Coventry Cathedral, to the accompaniment of music played by David Palmer (WS 1939-1944) on the cathedral organ. This was followed by a Pimm’s reception in the vaults of the Guildhall.

The dinner began with a minute’s silence for Private Joe Whittaker (WS 1999-2005). Joe, a Territorial Army reservist with 4th Battalion The Parachute Regiment, was killed on 24 June while serving in Afghanistan.

Geoff Thorpe acted as Master of Ceremonies for the evening, introducing the Head Master, OWA President David Stevens and guest speaker, Sir John Egan. A special presentation of a picture of The Portcullis Club was made to Peter Bailey for a lifetime of service to the OWA. OWA Chairman Nigel Robinson congratulated David Stevens and Geoff Thorpe on organising a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Class Upper Five A, 1976

To celebrate the approach of many 50th birthdays, Chris Harpum (WS 1971-1976) is planning a reunion for those who were in Class Upper Five A in 1976. Chris would love to hear from all classmates.

E-mail: CHarpum@southdowns.ac.uk
Calling all school leavers from 1978, 1988 and 1998!

In this key anniversary year, why not book a table at the Annual Dinner on 6 December 2008 for a decade reunion? If you need help tracking down those from your year at school, simply contact Alison Lima, Alumni Relations Officer at Warwick School.

Pre-dinner drinks will be served in the Panel Room (Old Dining Room) at 19.00 for 19.30, followed by dinner. Bar facilities for wine and spirits are available before and after the meal.

Dress: Black tie.

Old Warwickian Association Annual Dinner 2008

The OWA annual dinner will be held in the Pyne Room at school on Saturday 6 December 2008.

The annual OWA dinner is a very enjoyable opportunity to get together with your old friends back at school.

Pre-dinner drinks will be served in the Panel Room (Old Dining Room) at 19.00 for 19.30, followed by dinner. Bar facilities for wine and spirits are available before and after the meal.

Dress: Black tie.

Tickets: £32.50, are available by completing the booking form on the back page of this newsletter (page 8). Please book your ticket by Friday 28 November 2008. Recent school leavers in full time undergraduate education are offered discounted tickets at £19.95, and are limited to the first 40 applications. Some wine for recent school leavers will also be made available, courtesy of the Head Master.

Chapel Services Michaelmas Term

Sundays
14 Sept 10.00 Chapel Choir Reunion Service
21 Sept 10.00 Harvest Festival
12 Oct 10.00 Holy Communion and Launch of Confirmation
9 Nov 18.30 Remembrance Service
16 Nov 10.00 Grandparents’ Service
7 Dec 10.00 Holy Communion
14 Dec 16.30 Christingle Service

Wednesdays
8 Oct 13.30 Holy Communion, Edward the Confessor, prayers for the school
12 Nov 13.30 Holy Communion Remembrance, prayers for peace

Christmas Day
25 Dec 10.00 Family Communion

Also, in St Mary’s Church
17 Dec 19.30 Warwick School Carol Service

For information on any of these events please contact Anne Douglas, Alumni Relations Officer at Warwick School.

Tel: (Mon-Weds) 01926 776400 ext 6419.
E-mail: ad@warwickschool.org
Cricket, rugby, tennis, golf and squash are some of many sporting activities which bring OWs together, often in matches against the school. Whether you’re interested in playing or spectating, these are great opportunities for fun, friendship, drama... and refreshment! In this issue we report on recent OW golf and cricket matches and we hope to cover other sporting events in future editions, including the OW rugby and squash matches which took place in September.

**OW GOLF**

Julian Marcus (WS 1971-1979), newly appointed secretary of the OW golf society, is keen to attract more OW golfers to join the club. Whether you’ve got a good handicap or just enjoy a friendly round or two, Julian would love to hear from you. E-mail: arkvets@hotmail.com. Julian reports here on OW golf news.

**OWs vs School, 4 July 2008**

On a beautiful July evening, OWs played the second annual golf match against a specially chosen school six. With both teams eager to get their names on the new silver claret jug, 18 holes of four-ball better ball match play had to be decided for three pairs. And with all matches played under new full handicap allowances, a strong OW team found that, thankfully, they were not giving away too many shots – a testament to the strength of the school team.

OWs Richard Tidman and James Yearsley were in conquering form, putting the OWs into a 1-0 lead. An in form Geoff Tedstone and OW captain finally achieved parity on the 17th green. Matthew Leefe and Andy Haslam, with an eagle 3 from Andy at the last, ensured the trophy went to a thankful OW six.

Well done to the school and to all the players. The OWs are looking forward to a similarly close encounter next year!

**Classic Cars**

OW Nick Button (WS 1970-1976) is keen to hear from any OWs who have a classic car and would be interested in helping set up an OW Classic Car Club. Enthusiasm and ideas are very welcome! It is hoped that the 2009 Coventry Festival of Motoring will provide a perfect opportunity for an inaugural OW classic car run. If you are interested, please contact Nick by E-mail: nick@buttonlegal.co.uk

**Grafton Morrish**

The Grafton Morrish Trophy is the major trophy of the Public Schools Old Boys Golf Association (PSOBGA), played at the Hunstanton and Brancaster Golf Clubs. OWs last won the Grafton Morrish tournament in 1985.

Our first round match against Tonbridge School began with Tim James (3) and Peter Hill (5), leading out, followed by Matt Leefe (6) and Steve Tubb (8), with the ‘anchor’ men Julian Marcus (7) and Tim Priest (11) bringing the team home some four hours later. Our first two matches played right to the 18th green, with our first pair narrowly losing their game. Matt and Steve came back from 2 down with 3 to play to halve their match. Our anchor men gave the Tonbridge captain and his partner (both off scratch) an equally uncomfortable time before losing with dignity on the 16th green. We were very disappointed but yet delighted, to have taken Tonbridge so far.

In the plate competition – The Solihull Salver – we battled hard and finished just 12 pts off the qualifying total of 79.

The OW team has again been successful in qualifying for the finals of this year’s Grafton Morrish, which take place from 26-28 September 2008.

**OW Golf September 2008**

The Autumn Meeting is at Broadway Golf Club on Friday 19 September 2008.

It will follow the new format with Edinburgh Foursomes in the morning and individual stable ford in the afternoon to allow members who only wish to play 18 holes to participate in the afternoon. The charge is £69 for 36 holes and £61 for 18 holes, both including lunch and dinner, green fees and prizes. Booking deadline: 14 September 2008. Anyone interested should contact Julian Marcus, tel 01926 651643, E-mail: arkvets@hotmail.com

**Team (from left to right):** Matt Leefe (6), Julian Marcus (7)(capt), Tim James (3), Peter Hill (5), Steve Tubb (8) and Tim Priest (11).

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OW CRICKET

The OW Cricket Club provides some great opportunities for OWs of all ages. This year saw a number of new OWs making their debuts at the Cricket World Trophy and OW weekend fixtures. AN Crockert and Richard Hield report here on recent matches.

Cricket World Trophy, 8 June 2008

In this away match, versus Old Bedfordinians, OWs lost the toss and were asked to bat. The Rigby brothers opened with a partnership of 44. Tom went on, for a fine 76, holding the innings together. Chhibber was in good form (15) and Tarrant (20), Rowland (17) and Russell (11) all contributed in a final total of 209-8 off 50 overs. This might have been enough if we had had 11 men and another opening bowler, but Rowe had broken his left hand the day before.

Three fine catches were taken by Montanaro, Russell and Tarrant. Leonard bowled well and wickets were shared by Russell, Rowland and R Rigby. OBs reached the target in 43 overs. Thanks to scorer Bill Faulkves and OBs for their kind hospitality.

Team: AN Crockert, T Rigby, R Rigby, K Chhibber (Capt), Tarrant, C Montanaro, D Russell, Rowland, C Leonard, A Welch (wkt).

OWA vs Stratford, 4 July 2008

We had arranged an OW16 versus a Stratford side which would include extra OWs.

OW Stratford Combined XI won the toss and batted first. Wood (1-33) and Leonard (1-25) opened the bowling and restricted the openers to 30 off the first 10 overs. Wilson (1-32), Kroeger (2-42), T Rigby (0-40) and Mather (1-32) also bowled well.

Catches were taken by Leonard (Malkin for 26), Chhibber (Deverell-Smith for 20), Williams (Harcourt for 42) and Kroeger caught and bowled R Rigby for 11. Wood scored a solid 58 and OW Stratford XI finished on 216-7.

In reply, OWA started cautiously after losing Whiteside (bowled by Davitditz). Chhibber (50) and Crockert (37) put on 83 for the second wicket (22 overs). Leonard chipped in with 49 (stumped Harcourt, bowled Russell). OWA were all out for 192 in 39.1 overs. OW Stratford Combined XI won by 24 runs.

Umpires: David Troughton and John Collins. Scorer: Clive Boast.

Team: AN Crockert, T Rigby, R Rigby, K Chhibber (Capt), Tarrant, C Montanaro, D Russell, Rowland, C Leonard, A Welch (wkt).

Lord’s Taverners

The Lord’s Taverners charity cricket match at Warwick School on 13 July was a great success. A Lord’s Taverners team of cricketers and local celebrities took on a school/OW side. Organiser Neil Smith says: “The day was a great success and we raised over £8,000. A huge thank you to all who supported us. The sponsors are very keen to do it again, so if you missed it this year, be sure to come next!”

OWA 1st XI vs School, 5 July 2008

We played the more recent format of 50/50 with 10 overs max per bowler.

OWs won the toss and elected to bat. The Rigbys put on 101 in a fine opening partnership. Collins batted well for 66. Other contributors were Wood (13) and Todd (9). Evans and Reay put in late appearances, both not outs. DNBs: Hazell, Crockert and Welch. OWs finished on 225-6 after 50 overs.

School got off to a cracking start and reached the target for the loss of 8 wickets with 10 overs to spare.

Thanks to our umpire, John Collins and the scorers, Clive Boast, Dick Philpott and Bill Faulkves.

Team: J Collins (Capt), AN Crockert, T Rigby, R Rigby, A Welch (Wkt), S Wood, N Reay, W Evans, C Hazell, T Whiteside, C Todd.

Cups were awarded as follows: Batting Cup: T Rigby, Bowling Cup: W Evans, Fielding Cup: A Welch.

Twenty20 Cricket, 5 July 2008

The first round of games in the 2nd and 3rd team old boys Twenty20 festival saw the school 2nd XI take on and beat Tom Goldwater’s XI. In the other match the Hield XI were matched against Melly’s select XI. Special mention should go to Wilson who not only put down a catch for what would have been a hat-trick for Hicks, but then went on to concede quite astounding figures of 1 over, no wickets for 31 runs! A captain’s innings from Melly (69) and big hitting from Murphy saw Hield’s team set a total of 181. Hield and Banbury shared a 100 plus partnership to seal victory.

The 3rd/4th place match saw Melly’s XI taking third place and the Goldwater XI taking fourth place.

The final, between the school 2nd XI and the Hield XI, was a much a tighter and more serious affair, with victory secured by the Hield XI.

Thanks to everyone for making it and particularly to Mssrs Stone and Tedstone for organising it all!

OW Sports and Societies

All our OW sports and societies would welcome new players. If you interested in being involved, please contact the relevant people below. Spectators are also very welcome at all our events.

Badminton: Chris Osborne, E-mail: ChrisOsborne@aol.com
Bridge: Mike Averns, Tel: 01676 530783
Classic Cars: Nick Button, E-mail: nick@buttonlegal.co.uk
Cricket: Tony Crockert, E-mail: Tcrockert@aol.com
Golf: Julian Marcus, E-mail: arkvets@hotmail.com
Rugby: Mark Nasey, E-mail: mra@warwickschool.org
Squash: Mark Wilson, Tel: 01926 832373, E-mail: wilsons.theclose@btinternet.com

If you play in or would like to start up any other OW club or society please contact Anne Douglas, E-mail: ad@warwickschool.org
There have once again been some outstanding achievements at school. From science and engineering to music and drama and from swimming and water polo to judo and cricket, we have much to celebrate.

Examination results for 2008 have just been released and once again the school can celebrate tremendous success. At A level 83% of grades were at A or B. AS results were also the best the school has ever recorded. At GCSE the school obtained record results with 100% of boys gaining five or more A*-C grades and 75% of grades being recorded at A*. The Head Master was delighted to see the hard work of pupils and staff pay such rich dividends. In sport, the school had both individual and team success at the IAPS swimming finals and Arran Lawson won two golds at the Independent Schools Judo Tournament. Arran is aiming to represent Great Britain at London 2012.

The Cheshire Science Centre

In addition to 14 new laboratories, there is a science lecture theatre, two ICT laboratories and a fully-equipped science research laboratory with a full-time science researcher in residence. In this respect Warwick School is unique.

The building was named the Cheshire Science Centre in recognition of Dr Philip Cheshire’s dream and many achievements at the school. Philip was Head Master from 1988 to 2002. One of his many aspirations was to see Warwick School become the foremost science school in the country.

Sincere thanks go to all Old Warwickians who have generously helped provide one of the best science teaching facilities in the country.

Canticum

In January 2008 the Foundation embarked on a new venture by establishing a new choir, Canticum, made up from parents, older pupils, OWs and friends of Warwick School, King’s High and Warwick Preparatory School.

Directed by Trevor Barr, Warwick School’s Director of Music, the second project will be a performance of Fauré’s Requiem, on 13 September 2008 at 19.30 at the school. If you would like to join Canticum, please E-mail: music@warwickschool.org

Careers

Many OWs stay in touch with the school and provide valuable careers advice, work experience and contacts for current boys and fellow OWs.

If you are able to offer any careers support and/or would be available for the school Career’s Fair on Thursday 7 May 2009 at 19.30, please contact Caty Oates. E-mail: co@warwickschool.org

Warwick School Archives

Currently on display in the school reception are some 25 objects from the Warwick School archives.

The items include the Head Boy’s cap from 1967, the school’s oldest sporting trophy - the 1898 House Cricket Shield and a collection of Second World War medals awarded to OW Derrick Rowan-Robinson, who was killed in action in 1940.
Images from the 1940s and 50s

As we prepare for the return of many Old Warwickians from these decades, we have looked through our archive image library and include here some of our 1940s and 50s images.

Do you have any other images from the 1940s or 50s? We would particularly welcome copies of any other images you might have from these decades.

MEMORIES FROM THE 1940s AND 50s

Were you at school during the Coventry blitz?
What was it like being a boarder during the war?
Do you remember the scientific experiments in the first “Conversazione”, held on 25 July 1942?
What was it like during the harsh winter of 1946-47?
What memories do you have of CCF, school trips and the visit by the Queen Mother?

We would love to gather your memories and share your anecdotes and images on the Old Warwickians website www.warwickschool.org/old-warwickians

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Please send any material to Anne Douglas at Warwick School, Warwick CV34 6PP.
E-mail: ad@warwickschool.org
Articles in MS Word and images as jpegs are preferred but not essential. We will return all photographs.

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Personal Information

Full Name

Years at Warwick School: From (year) to (year)

Address

Postcode

E-mail

Signed

Date

Please tick this box if you are happy for Alumni Relations to hold this information on our Alumni Database to enable us to contact you about events and other information which we think may be of interest.

Events

I would like to book the following:

London OW Reception,
Dining Room A, House of Commons
Thursday 6 November 2008, from 19.00 to 21.30.

- I would like to attend.

For the London OW reception this booking form must be returned by Friday 3 October 2008 latest.

An invitation card, which must be presented to the House of Commons security on the night, will be posted with confirmation of your booking.

Inaugural Oxford OW Dinner,
McKenna Room, Christ Church, Oxford
Friday 21 November 2008, 19.30 for 20.00.

- I enclose a cheque for £24.50.
- Or I am in full time education and enclose a cheque for £14.50.

For the Oxford dinner, this booking form must be returned, with payment, by Friday 31 October 2008 latest.

Old Warwickian Association Annual Dinner,
the Pyne Room, Warwick School

- I enclose a cheque for £32.50.
- Or I am in full time undergraduate education and enclose a cheque for £19.95.

For the annual OWA dinner, this booking form must be returned, with payment, by Friday 28 November 2008 latest.

Please detail below any special needs or dietary requirements.

All cheques should be made payable to Warwick School.

You can download a PDF of this Booking Form from www.warwickschool.org/old-warwickians (click on ‘Newsletters’).

The form should be returned to Anne Douglas, E-mail: ad@warwickschool.org

EN ROUTE TO LE MANS
Signed Limited Edition Prints

I would like to order the following Limited Edition Prints of En Route to Le Mans:

- Print(s), measuring 400mm x 300mm at £32.50 each.

- £

- I will collect the print(s) from Warwick School (no postage charge).

- Please post the print(s) to the address above (add £6 for P+P).

- I enclose a cheque for £

We strongly recommend, where possible, that you collect your print from the school. If required, we can look after the print until it is convenient for you to arrange collection. If you are unable to do this, we can post the print to you. There is a £6 charge for post and packing. With regret, Warwick School cannot accept responsibility for any damage that may be caused through the post and we will be unable to replace damaged prints.

There are 100 limited edition prints. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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